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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please rewrite claims 5 and 7 in amended form as derivative according to the prior art.

follows:

5 (Amended). The vitamin D derivative according to one of claims 1 to 3, wherein R¹ is a 4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl group.

group.

7 (Amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a vitamin D derivative according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 6 as an active ingredient.

NOTE